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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the accompanying continuation application, concurrently with its filing, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

--Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This is a continuation of patent application serial no. 09/188,417, filed November 9, 1998, which is a continuation of patent application serial no. 08/771,708, filed December 20, 1996, now patent no. 5,991,517, which in turn is a continuation of patent application serial no. 08/174,768, filed December 29, 1993, now patent no. 5,602,987, which in turn is a continuation of patent application serial no. 07/963,838, filed October 20, 1992, now patent no. 5,297,148, which in turn is a division of patent application serial no. 07/337,566, filed April 13, 1989, now abandoned.--

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Page 4, between lines 27 and 28, insert the following:

--The present invention also includes improvements in EEprom array read and write circuits and techniques in order to provide multiple threshold levels that allow accurate